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AMERY EVADES ISSUE

Railway Sabotage Cases In India And Congress' Responsibility

LONDON, April 15.

The Secretary for India, Mr. Leopold Amery, told the Commons today the sabotage on Railways in India is still in progress.

Some 61 such cases were reported during the last three months—28 in January, 16 in February and 17 in March. Most of these were minor attempts at interference with the track or railway property. Four only of the cases were serious or involved loss of life. There were two derailments in Assam, one in January and one in March, one derailment in Bihar in February and a bomb explosion at the Cawnpore Railway Station also in February. One attempted derailment and four other minor attempts at sabotage have been reported since beginning of April."

Asked if these acts had been traced definitely to Congress inspiration, Mr. Amery replied: "It shows that the trouble is not entirely over and we have to continue to be watchful."—Reuter.

'SIX TIMES PRICE' BUT 'MUCH IMPROVED'!

WESTMINSTER, April 15.

The Secretary of State for India Mr. Amery told the House of Commons to-day that the food situation in India is generally much improved.

"The principal anxiety at present concerns urban supplies of rice in Bengal, where the price is six times the pre-war figure. Supplies are being brought in from neighbouring areas and I understand enough is coming forward for immediate purposes."—Reuter.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, April 15.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE:—The Bombay Stock Exchange opened very steady to-day and prices improved moderately. Tata Steel Defds advanced to Rs. 1890 and Ordinaries to Rs. 385. Bombay Dyeing after opening at Rs. 1892 eased off to Rs. 1880 but again came up to Rs. 1887. In the cash section Khataus were very prominent with a rise of Rs. 30 at Rs. 620. Scindia were better off at Rs. 30-10. Tata Chemicals were Rs. 33-8. Kohinoors improved to Rs. 755. Centuries to Rs. 756. Nagpur to Rs. 473. A.C.C. Rs. 222. Belapur to Rs. 246. The market during the latter part of the session turned firm with active support all round. There was good turnover at advancing rates and the undertone was impressive. Tata Mills scored best advance at Rs. 81. New India jumped to Rs. 82.

BOMBAY COTTON:—The Bombay Cotton market again presented a steady tendency but fluctuations were very narrow. The market is grinding around the present levels, but owing to strong statistical position of ready cotton, the market is not likely to decline much. Jarilla May opened to-day at Rs. 541 and after touching Rs. 542 the rate hovered for a long time around Rs. 541. But during the afternoon in sympathy with firmness of bullion and seeds, the market advanced to Rs. 547. Closing rates were: Jarilla May Rs. 547 and July 555-4. But after the close of the market, the rate for May was quoting higher at Rs. 551 on short covering.

BULLION MARKET: The bullion market was firm to-day with a further rise in prices. Silver after opening at Rs. 114-12 advanced sharply to Rs. 116-8 and gold to Rs. 78-14 from Rs. 78. The market closed as follows: Gold ready Rs. 79, 1st settlement Rs. 78-14, Silver ready Rs. 116-12, 1st settlement Rs. 116-8.

SEEDS MARKET:—The Bombay Seeds market continued to maintain a firm tendency and prices went up ahead. Groundnuts May was quoting Rs. 105-4, August Rs. 112-0-0, Castorseeds Rs. 99-8, September Rs. 105, Linseed May Rs. 11-9-0 and September Rs. 12-7. The market improved further and closed as follows: Groundnut May Rs. 106, August Rs. 112-14, Castorseeds May Rs. 100-12 and September Rs. 106-8, Linseed May Rs. 11-10-6 and September Rs. 12-6-6.

NEW YORK COTTON:—On the New York Cotton Exchange trading was restricted on Wednesday by ceilings uncertainties but small persistent trade price-fixing associated with Government textile orders absorbed light hedging and profit taking. The session closed steady. July highest 20.07+3. lowest 19.96—8.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April	14.
May	20.24
July	20.05
October	19.88
Middling Spot	20.03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, April	14.
May	20.54
July	20.35
October	20.15
Middling Spot	20.96

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April	14.
May	20.24
July	20.04
October	19.87

LONDON SILVER.

London, April	14.
Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.

London, April	14.
London gold, fine per oz	£8-8-0

LONDON WHEAT.

London, April	14.
Wheat Rozario Santa Fe Apr/May quoted	26/1 1/2
Wheat Australian Apr/May quoted	28/6

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, April	14.
T. T. London on—	
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers	4.03 1/2
Madrid official	40.5
Montreal sellers	4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers	17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers	16.95 buyers 16.95

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

New York, April	15.
Previous closing	20.05
To-day's opening	19.96
Difference	—09

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

Previous closing 4.03

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 15.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices

General Motors dol 49 1/4

Anaconda Copper Mining dol 29 1/8

U. S. Steel Common dol 55 1/4

U. S. Steel Preference unquoted

Mme. Chiang Proclaims

Jawahar Is The Man Of The Hour

URGES INDIAN SETTLEMENT WILL HELP CAUSE OF UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, April 15.

The question of India's freedom was the current world problem of when and to what extent, said Madame Chiang-kai-Shek on Wednesday.

She asserted Pt. Nehru should be freed to throw India's released political weight into the United Nations' cause because he was a man with a world vision.

'Cloudy' Gandhi

She thought Mr. Gandhi was somewhat cloudy in his thinking and had not world vision, because he was overcome by his restricted obsession for India's freedom, regardless of world conditions.

WORLD COUNCIL

She suggested that the four great nations, United States, Great Britain, Russia and China should take the lead in forming a post-war World Council, which should exercise disinterested control of countries that eventually should have absolute freedom.

NO MANDATES

Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek declared that the system of one-nation mandates conceived in the Versailles peace settlement should be abolished. She made it clear that all little countries should have their freedom.

S. Africa Will Rue The Day

Jinnah Hopes Smuts Will Avert Grave Wrong To Indians

NEW DELHI, April 15.

Swami Bhawani Dayal and Mr. M. A. Jadwat met Mr. M. A. Jinnah to-day and placed before him details of the situation in South Africa and the provisions of the bill introduced in the Union Parliament.

Mr. Jinnah giving his opinion on the bill said: "I condemn it in the strongest terms and say that if it is passed by the South African Legislature it will lead to the gravest breach between the Indian and South African peoples and will sap the foundation of the future of the Commonwealth of Nations.

"South Africa will regret the day on which this piece of legislation is enacted and placed on the Statute Book. It is not only contrary to all cannons of justice and fairplay but it will place an indelible slur upon our people who are settled there for generations and upon the fair name of India. I cannot believe that Gen. Smuts with his foresight and sagacity as a statesman will allow this grave wrong to be inflicted upon the Indian people and bring about a serious crisis at this moment.'—A. P.

Natal Indians' Petition

CAPE TOWN, April 15.

The Indian Restriction Bill has not come up for discussion in the Assembly today. Legislator M. Alexander presented a petition from the Natal Indian Association asking for leave to be heard at the bar of the House on Opposition to the Bill or that the Bill be referred to a select committee.—Reuter.

S. A. Assembly Debate

CAPETOWN, April 15.

The Assembly was crowded when the Minister of Interior Mr. Lawrence rose to move the second reading of the Restriction Bill, the introduction of which he said had been taken only after the most careful examination of all facts and of the possibilities of solving the problem without legislation.

HOFMEYR'S RESIGNATION

The Minister of Finance, Dr. Hofmeyr said there were certain provisions in the Bill of which he did not approve, and for which he could not accept responsibility.

"Rather than do so, I have tendered my resignation as member of Government to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has, however, asked me not to press my resignation, urging on me the need in the present emergency of a united front being maintained for the furtherance of the war effort.

On that account I have agreed to remain in the Cabinet, it being understood that I do not accept responsibility for the proposals in the Bill to which I object, and that I retain a free hand in that regard."

What was indefensible about this Bill was that the findings of the Judicial Commission were accepted when they suited one's own point of view and brushed aside when they did not

In south Africa there was nothing to stop Europeans having it both ways, but that was a course of action which one's reason could not command and one's sense of justice could not approve.

The statement that this legislation in Transvaal was designed to protect the Indians against a possible anti-Asiatic feeling would not deceive the Indians.

They knew why the legislation had been introduced originally, and they had a shrewd idea why it was to be re-enacted now.

"Regretfully I had to say that I can only regard this proposal for an unjustified prolongation of an unjustifiable piece of discriminatory legislation, as a surrender to racial and colour prejudice and with that surrender I must decline to be associated."

Minister of Mines Col. Stallard said

He had the greatest regard for the personalities of Mr. Sastri and other former Agents-General, and anything they did he treated with the greatest respect.

The former Agents-General were entirely wrong in implying that they were entitled to interfere with or criticise the way wherein the composition of the South African community was dealt with.

SMUTS ACCUSES INDIANS

The Speaker ruled out of order the second part of Dr. Malan's amendment.

The Prime Minister, Field Marshal Smuts said that the Government could not accept the amendment. The Bill was necessary.

The Government were anxious to have it on the statute book as soon as possible. The Government regretted anything which gave the appearance that it was going against a country like India which was engaged in the war with South Africa.

There were very grave reasons why the Government did not want to take action but it had no choice.

He made no charge against the whole Indian population, the vast majority of whom were good, hard working people.

It seemed, however that there were some Indians not only in Natal but in Transvaal and elsewhere who thought that this was the time to make themselves snug and invest their money in properties.

That showed the effect of the action taken by Indians who, instead of putting their wealth into war loans, had used it to undermine the position of the European.

The bill, however was only a standstill measure. Great issues were at stake and the difficulties confronting Government were grave.

The Government had the greatest respect for the people of India and for their war effort and was determined that there should be good feeling towards India, especially under existing conditions.

The Government intended to make a proper judicial inquiry into the whole situation.

"DON'T LOSE HEAD"

The country should not lose its head and attempt the impossible because failure might be disastrous not only to Indians but to Europeans as well.

Eighty per cent or more of the Indians in South Africa today were South African born and part of the South African people.

At the present they invariably looked to the Government of India but he supposed that in time they would learn to look to public opinion and the European community in South Africa for justice and fair play.

But at the present their weakness was that they immediately appealed to outside opinion and in that way the mode of solution was more difficult.

NEW SCHEME OF PAKISTAN

Jinnah To Reveal It At League Conference Session

(From Our Correspondent).

LAHORE, April 15.

According to private advice received here Gianni Kartar Singh, M.L.A., known as the brain of the Akali Party discussed with Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Muslim League President, in Delhi the Sikh position 'vis-a-vis' Pakistan. Chances for Muslim-Sikh agreement are said to be bright.

I am authoritatively informed that Mr. Jinnah will reveal new scheme for attainment of Pakistan in the light of national and international situation.

Savarkar On Pakistan Demand

HARIDWAR, April 15.

Presiding over the Thirty-Seventh Convocation of the Rishikul University, Mr. V. D. Savarkar, stressed the urgent and vital need of imparting regular military training in educational institutions and universities.

Mr. Savarkar declared: "Hindustan is of the Hindus. It is after the name of the Majority community that a country is named. A country never takes its name from the minority community. Poland is of the Poles, Turkey is of the Turks, Afghanistan is of the Afghans. The Minority communities living there cannot claim that the country should be named after them. Here in India, the Hindus have been living for several yugas and are in an overwhelming majority. To those who are prepared to call this country their own, we will give rights of equality. The Muslims want to cut the country into pieces. In any other country this will be considered an act of treason."—A. P.

RESHUFFLING OF VICEROY'S COUNCIL?

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, April 15.

It is generally believed here there is likely to be reshuffling of personnel of the Viceroy's Executive Council which is expected to include Sir Azizul Huque, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and one of Hindu members who until recently served in Mr. Fazlul Huque's Government.

When Sir Azizul Huque joins the Viceroy's Council, his place in London as High Commissioner for India will be filled by the appointment of Sir S. Ranganathan.

On Pacific Front

ALLIED AIR ATTACK ON KISKA

WASHINGTON, April 15.

Ten heavy air attacks were delivered against Kiska, the Japanese base in the Aleutians, during April 13, states the Navy Department to-day. Hits were scored and fires started. Biru harbour on New Georgia Island was attacked on April 14 and a fire started.—Reuter.

Big Japanese Battle Fleet In Truk

Admiral Godfrey On Enemy Submarines In Indian Waters

BOMBAY Thursday.

The significance of Tunisian operations for India was emphasized by Vice-Admiral J. H. Godfrey at a Press Conference this morning. He said that the cleaning up of the Axis from Africa would facilitate traffic through the Mediterranen. Shipping was the most important issue because it was mostly the ten-knot ships, that brought food, oil, arms and munitions from place to place, and voyage through the Mediterranean route to India meant about 50 per cent less time than over the Cape route. And opening up of the Mediterranean depended on so many other military factors such as the contruction of more aerodromes along the North African coast and the like.

The Admiral who has been in Bombay for about ten days on an inspection tour of the various branches of the Royal Indian Navy expressed his satisfaction at the progress of the work in all the naval establishments.

"SUBS" IN INDIAN WATERS.

The Vice-Admiral referred to the possibility of the stray Japanese submarines "coming and going" in Indian waters.

In reply to a question he stated there were at least some enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean.

Japs Reinforcing Battle Fleet In Truk

LONDON, April 15.

Allied Headquarters South-west Pacific: A great Japanese battle fleet is being constantly maintained in the Truk area, says Gen. MacArthur's spokesman.

Convoys beyond air range are constantly reinforcing the Japanese. Truk island is one of Caroline group lying to the North of New Guinea.

JAPS LOSE THIRTY PLANES

Japan's reinforced airfleet in New Guinea has suffered another severe defeat. To-day's Communique stated that the Japanese lost 30 out of more than 80 aircraft which attacked Milne Bay in daylight yesterday.

R. A. F. Attack On Enemy H. Q. On Upper Chindwin

NEW DELHI, April 15.

Yesterday R.A.F. fighter patrols made several successful low-flying attacks on the enemy, says in India Command Joint War communique. Off Ramree island six powerlaunches full of Japanese troops were sunk and many bodies were seen floating in the water North of Taungup, a supply lorry was destroyed and two others were put out of action. On the Mayu River three launches and other craft were badly damaged and on the Mayu Peninsula, attacks were made on Japanese positions and motor transport. In the Pintha area, and near Katha, rolling stock was machine-gunned from a low-level.

ATTACK ON JAP H. Q.

In the morning Blenheims bombed a Japanese headquarters near Yuwa, on the Upper Chindwin. Bursts were seen on the target and a number of fires were started. Last night Liberators attacked Magye aerodrome and hits were observed across the runway and in dispersal areas.

"From these operations none of our aircraft is missing."—A. P.

U. S. PLANES BOMB MANYWET AND MYITKYINA.

Operations of the Tenth U. S. Air Force on April 14, were directed to make enemy air bases unserviceable, says a Communique issued by Rear Echelon Headquarters United States Army Forces China-Burma-India. P-40S from our Assam bases delivered three tons of demolition bombs each against the enemy northern bases of Manywet and Myitkyina destroying the runways. In Central Burma our B-25S delivered a heavy attack against Monywa air base. Hits were observed on the runways and all bombs fell in the target area. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

Jap Threat To Australia

MELBOURNE, April 15.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin after a meeting of the cabinet to-day, at which the Japanese daylight raid on Milne bay was discussed, issued a statement supporting General MacArthur's thesis that the northern war is primarily an air war and demanding allied concentration of land-based planes. "Since the Casablanca 'Hitler First' decision, the Japanese have realised that time is on their side in the Pacific", Mr. Curtin said. This continent is confronted with constant and deadly assault, calling for everything we have, if we have to meet it. Unless our airpower is superior, our naval and land forces will be tested beyond their resources. So far, the Japanese have not yet had sufficient air strength to support their naval forces superiority in the North, but it is ridiculous to assume that the Japanese have not learnt lessons. The threat of attack can be expected to grow. So must our resistance.

The Minister of Supply and Shipping, Mr. Beasley, said to-day:—"The Japanese are concentrating forces to blast the Allied bases before launching a large scale offensive against Australia."—Reuter.

Japs Have Too Many Planes

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, April 15.

Lieut.-General Kenny in his first press interview since he returned from his recent trip to Washington said, "The Japanese have too many planes around to suit me. I don't like to be outnumbered by the Japanese. Our replacements have a long way to come and take time. We are forced to shoot down from five to one to keep the score straight and that is a heavy burden on the boys."—Reuter.

DIG TRENCHES OR FACE D.I.R.

COMILLA, April 15.

Under orders of the District Magistrate it has been announced by beat of drums and through printed pamphlets that every householder will have to dig trenches in their respective houses.

Non-compliance with the order would be punishable under the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

Kalinath Ray Retires

LAHORE, April 15.

Mr. Kalinath Ray, Editor of the "Tribune", retires to-day due to continued ill-health.

Writing a valedictory article for to-morrow's issue of the "Tribune," Mr. Ray expresses his deep sense of gratitude for the courtesy and consideration with which he was treated by the Trustees of the "Tribune." The warmth of hospitality and friendliness of the generous people of the Punjab made him forget, he concludes, for the last thirty years that he was not born as one of them.—United Press.

NEW DELHI, April 15.

The Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha has been called to meet in Delhi on May 9 to consider the present political situation.—A.P.

HEAVY R.A.F. RAID ON STUTTGART

LONDON, April 15.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states: "Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command made a very heavy attack on Stuttgart, one of the enemy's most important armament and engineering centres. The target was clearly identified and the attack was highly concentrated.

There were a number of encounters with enemy fighters and at least three of them were destroyed.

Twenty-three of our aircraft are missing."

REMOVED TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION

ZURICH, April 15.

It is reported here that what is left of the great Fiat works after the R.A.F. bombing is being transferred to unknown destination in Germany. Fifty trucks laden with machines and other war materials are stated to be leaving Italy daily. Milan reports state that the Fiat Company has been in German hands for some time.—Reuter.

RAIDERS OVER THAMES ESTUARY

It is officially announced that German aircraft flew over the Thames Estuary and East Anglia soon after midnight last night. Bombs were dropped at scattered places. Some damage and a small number of casualties are reported. A third German bomber was destroyed over its base last night.

STOP PRESS

Indian States-Merger Scheme

NEW DELHI, April 15.

A scheme of qualified merger of small Indian States with neighbouring larger ones with whom they have geographical economic and political affinities has been decided upon by the Crown Representative, announces a 'communique.' The scheme, says the 'communique' is intended to deal with the "perplexing political and administrative problems," which arise from the existence of literally hundreds of such small units which fall within the category of "Indian States", but which owing to the slenderness of their individual resources and general aversion from neighbourly co-operation are unable to provide adequate amenities for their subjects. These proposals involved 'inter alia' the discontinuance of tributary payments and the general assumption, subject to certain safeguards, by Baroda of the functions, and responsibilities at present discharged by the residents and political agents.

REVIEW AFTER SEVEN YEARS

The 'communique' points out that the scheme contains due provision for the continued integrity of the attached units and of the existing powers and privileges of their talukdars and shareholders in so far as may be compatible with modern requirements and subject to further review after a period of seven years, as also for the allocation of a suitable proportion of the revenue for their personal requirements.

The states to which these small units are attached will also be enabled to admit the inhabitants of attached areas to the benefits of administrative amenities such as secondary and technical education and medical treatment, on the same terms as their own subjects and to provide new hospitals, schools, roads and other amenities where these, though clearly required, are beyond the present capacity of local resources.

After dealing with criticisms with which the scheme is likely to meet, the 'communique' says that in framing the terms of the delegation of responsibility to the bigger states of Western India and Gujarat, the Crown Representative has been fully mindful of the interests of the inhabitants of these small states, of those to whom they owe immediate allegiance and of the larger states with which a new relationship is to be established to all these parties, the Crown Representative admits—a continuing responsibility which does not exclude his future intervention, as circumstances may demand, in furtherance of the essential object which he has in view, namely, the firm establishment of conditions in which the areas concerned will evolve and enjoy full opportunity for progress and development.—A.P.

ANTONESCU MEETS HITLER

Fuehrer's Two-Day Talks With Rumanian Prime Minister

LONDON, April 15.

The German News Agency yesterday issued a special announcement stating that Hitler had received the Rumanian Prime Minister, Gen. Antonescu. The meeting lasted two days. Von Ribbentrop and Field Marshal Keitel were also present.—Reuter.

NOVOROSSISK IN RUINS

Fierce Battles North Of Chuguyev

MOSCOW, April 15.

Today's Soviet communique states "during the night of April 14, no material changes took place at the front."

A supplement to the Thursday Soviet communique stated that north of Chuguyev, Soviet gunners dispersed a German infantry battalion south of Izyum, a Soviet unit repulsed a German attempt to take possession of a height. On the Volkhov front, Russian artillery fire destroyed German artillery battery.

The Red Army in inexorably forcing the Germans back across the Taman Peninsula towards the Kerch staraits and getting nearer Novorossisk

When the Red Army re-enters Novorossisk, they are resigned to finding another Russian town devastated by German vandalism. Aerial photographs show the whole place to be in ruins. The fine city park has been turned into a cemetery for German soldiers, while the great October Square commemorating the revolution is burial ground for the Rumanian dead. All ablebodied male population of Novorossisk have long since been rounded up by the Germans for forced labour. Many have been deported to Germany. Hundreds have been hung or shot. Gallows decorate the principal streets. The German General Staff and Gestapo live in the best quarters of the town.

Front line despatches to the 'Parvda' this morning described the stubborn battles south of Balakleya in the Upper Donetz. German attempts to gain vantage points here are being steadily frustrated.

North of Chuguyev fifty miles of north of Izyum, the Germans have been keeping up attacks for more than a week, but attempts to seize the bridgehead have had no success. Section of the Volga River are now open to navigation.—Reuter.

Allied Advance In Tunisia

WASHINGTON, April 15.

The United States Secretary Mr. Henry L. Stimson said to-day that the final phase of the Tunisian campaign appears to be drawing near. 175 to 200 thousand Axis troops are estimated to be trapped. The Axis has favourable positions, strong forces, two harbours and perhaps a dozen airfields. However, the Allies are numerically stronger and have air superiority. There is no indication that the Axis plans a major evacuation, but may try progressive evacuation over a period of weeks. Supplies for Australia particularly aircraft, will be constantly increased, Mr. Stimson stated.

REORGANISATION OF ALLIED FORCES

LONDON:—The reorganisation of all Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean area has now been carried out and a Mediterranean Air Command is formed under Air Chief Marshal, Sir A. Tedder, it is officially stated in London today. This new command is subdivided into three, namely the Middle East Command, the Northwest African Air Forces and the Royal Air Force, Malta.—Reuter.

NAZIMUDDIN CABINET DENOUNCED

CALCUTTA, April 14.

At a meeting of the Progressive Coalition Party of the Bengal Legislature of which the ex-Premier Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq is the leader, held this evening at the residence of the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca, the members of the party including the leaders of the various constituent groups reaffirmed their faith in an All-Parties Government representative of the various sections in the House that are prepared to work the constitution.

They expressed their definite opinion that "the Ministry that Sir K. Nazimuddin contemplates is not even the nearest approach to an all-parties Government and is not therefore at all suited to the conditions prevailing in the country at the present moment." They further expressed the opinion that "the kind of Government envisaged without caste Hindu representatives in the Cabinet disregarding the spirit of the instrument of instructions is bound to have unfavourable reactions in the country."—A.P.

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SURRENDER TO RACE PREJUDICE

The South African Government seem determined to rush their anti-Indian Bill through the present session of the Assembly despite the unanimous opposition to it by the Indian community Though the speech of Mr. Lawrence, Minister for the Interior, was fairly conciliatory in its tone, it was all specious pleading and was utterly unconvincing about the justice of the Bill. His whole case was that there was more infiltration of Indians in the European quarters of the city during the last two years than before and that this would exasperate the Europeans and mar the relations between the communities. Now, the infiltration during the last two years may be more than it was before. But, apart from the fact the acquisition of sites by Indians was necessary for residential and investment purposes, it has not been and is never likely to be a menace to the European community in any legitimate sense of the term, considering that Indians are only a small minority. The Natal Indian Congress points out that the present agitation results from purchases in the old borough of Durban which in extent is 8,274 acres, of which Indians own 350 acres, being only four per cent. The Indian population is 25 per cent and, therefore, the Indian average ownership in the old borough of Durban is extremely small. The Europeans' contention, says the Congress, is that 25,000 Indians should confine themselves within 204 acres, being the seven areas mentioned in the first Broome Commission report, para 301, while eighty thousand Europeans claim the remainder, 8,274 acres. These figures have not been challenged and show that the "Indian menace" is only imaginary and made capital of only to prejudice the public against the Indians. It is outrageous exaggeration to say, as did Dr. Malan, that, "if speedy and effective measures were not taken, Natal would soon be lost to the European race."

As regards the contention that Indian infiltration to any extent is likely to exasperate the Europeans and, therefore, hinder cordial relations between the two communities and the Bill would only protect Indians from anti-Asiatic feeling, it is sickening hypocrisy and, as Dr. Hofmeyr pointed out, it would not deceive the Indians. What the Doctor remarked of a part of the Bill is true of the whole, that it is "a surrender to racial and colour prejudice." He would be no party to such prejudice and had even offered to resign his Ministership but he retains it only because of war conditions. War conditions should rather have prevented the Ministry from undertaking a Bill which, in the words of Mr. Jinnah, "will lead to the gravest breach between the Indian and the South African peoples and will sap the foundation of the future Commonwealth of Nations."

Perhaps the most painful part of the debate on the Bill is the defence of it by General Smuts. He defended the racial arrogance of the Bill when he declared that the Government were determined that Durban should remain a European city and large scale Indian penetration would not be tolerated. He even railed at those Indians who "made themselves snug" and who, "instead of putting their wealth into war loans, had used it to undermine the position of the European." This is the language of rank prejudice, and racial prejudice at that. If, as General Smuts has to admit, eighty per cent or more of the Indians in South Africa are South African born and "part of the South African people", they have every right to reside and acquire sites in decent areas even during war time. By victimising Indians for that he is certainly not stimulating war effort among Indians either in South Africa or India. And if the Government of India merely look on when that is being done, it will be much worse than self-stultification.

Zafrullah's Revelations

No one need wonder now why no report was allowed to be published regarding the proceedings of Pacific Relations Conference that was held recently in Canada. Sir Md. Zafrullah, one of the members of the Government nominated Indian Delegation, has been revealing some facts about the discussions, which, though incomplete, are sufficient to give an indication of what happened there. At a "round table", which was devoted exclusively to India and which only Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar could be trusted to attend, the United States and Canada and even Australia and New Zealand urged the necessity of settling the Indian question quickly even during the pendency of the war. This is an important revelation. Equally important is Sir Md. Zafrullah's discreet omission about the reaction of Britain's and "India's" delegates.

At a session dealing with the Atlantic Charter, India's "delegate"—Sir Md. Zafrullah himself—did say something, having summoned enough courage with much humming and hawing to suggest that Mr. Churchill should make his position clear as regards the application of the Charter. Here, again, the discussions, which became "heated", appear to have been mainly between British delegates, on the one side, and the rest, on the other. From Sir Md. Zafrullah's revelations it is quite clear that the whole of the Pacific world essentially agreed with and supported India's demand and that it was the British alone who opposed it, supported, of course, by their nominees who posed as India's representatives only to misrepresent her.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Eisenhower's Statement

The lull in operations has helped all sorts of speculations to be let loose regarding the next and final phase of the fighting in Tunisia. They need not, however, interest us much in view of the authoritative statement just made by General Eisenhower himself in an interview granted to a French News Agency. The General believes that Rommel, a "great General" will do his desperate best to hold the Allies and that the battle will be comparable to that of Stalingrad. What the American Commander means is that the defenders will fight as hard as the Russians but that, eventually, they will, unlike the Russians, be defeated. It is, of course, quite clear that Rommel has withdrawn behind the defensive ring in order to offer the maximum resistance to the Allies and that the struggle is going to be extremely bitter.

Disappointing Hint

But if General Eisenhower suggests also that the battle is going to be almost as long an affair as the struggle for Stalingrad, it is, indeed, disappointing. And for two reasons. Any considerable delay in liquidating Tunisia is certain to have a serious effect on the future of the United Nations' strategy against Hitler. And such delay, secondly, need not occur at all. Rommel is, admittedly, entrenched behind strong defensive positions and is determined to fight to the end. But he is very appreciably weaker in men and material compared to the Allies and his supply lines are now extremely precarious. Above all, the Allies possess the supreme advantage of complete mastery in the air with Rommel's forces furnishing a concentrated target for devastating attacks. The battle is bound to be bitter, but it need not be very long. Unfortunately General Eisenhower seems to us to hint otherwise. Let us hope we are wrong.

Why Not Give Figures?

The Bombay Government state that the press reports about overcrowding in the women's jail at Yeravda are exaggerated. It will be better for Government to state how many prisoners there are now in the jail and how many there were before Government found it necessary to relieve overcrowding by sending some prisoners to another jail and releasing others. Let people judge for themselves from the figures.

"WHEAT WILL COME WITH RATIONING"

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"Wheat will be distributed, when rationing comes into force in the city" said Mr. A. D. Gorwala, Commissioner, Civil Supplies, at a Press Conference at the Secretariat, today.

He stated that 65,000 new provisional ration cards had been sent out by post and 27,000 undelivered ration cards of those who had long ago been enumerated, would be delivered through the A.R.P. personnel. Originally, 4,75,000 cards had been issued out by the issue of the new provisional ration cards, the total number had now come to 5,40,000. Checking-up of the provisional cards is now in progress.

He also stated that if food grains were imported by any individual in the city after the introduction of rationing, then those grains would be set off against that individual's quota.

In reply to a question, he stated that consumption of rice after the introduction of rationing would be a little more than what was being consumed at present and certainly it would not be less than the present quantity of consumption. It was estimated that during the pre-war days, consumption of rice and wheat was 45 and 40 per cent of the cereals and the remaining 15 per cent was made up by bajri and jowar. After wheat became scarce, some adjustments had to be made and they were made by the people of the city. He, however, promised to give the figures regarding this readjustment and the estimates of consumption at the time of rationing later.

In reply to another question, he stated that a committee would be appointed by the Government of Bombay to consider the distribution of standard cloth and other allied aspects. Standard cloth could not be made available at present in the city of Bombay.

Gandhiji's Fast Unlikely, Says "C. R."

MADRAS, April 15.

Interviewed regarding a report in the British Press as to Mahatma Gandhi's intention to fast unto death, Mr. C Rajagopalachariar said:

"I do not think that Gandhiji will go on such a fast. We in India do not want such a thing to happen, and should not talk about it. Such thoughts travel to the prison."—United Press.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

What was indefensible about this Bill was that the findings of the Judicial Commission were accepted when they suited one's own point of view and brushed aside when they did not. In South Africa there was nothing to stop Europeans having it both ways, but that was a course of action which one's reason could not commend and one's sense of justice could not approve.

—Dr. Hofmeyr South African Finance Minister.

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Anglo-India has patriotically come to the rescue of its British Imperialists who have been attacked in America and elsewhere for meaning to hold what they claim is their own.

And with admirable cogency it has crushed all criticisms and all loose thinkers. This blow of clear thinking is so annihilating that nothing is now left of critics and criticism.

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Here are two or three of the devastating arguments.

Backward countries under British control cannot be freed because they would be exposed to "wanton invasion" and would be doomed to destruction as was Belgium.

How dazzlingly true! Now that we see things so clearly we humbly beseech British Imperialists, led by Anglo-India, immediately to call upon Belgium, Holland, Norway, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and even France to save humanity and themselves and become units of the British Empire. The future for them is otherwise as dark as their present.

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Nor will International control do as an alternative for the hapless unprotected backward people. Clearly "International control is unsatisfactory since it leads to bickering and jealousy among the Powers concerned."

No, that won't do. It is far better that instead of bickerings and jealousy over the spoils, the latter should be appropriated exclusively without any possibility of interference and protest and thus save trouble. The confession about bickerings and jealousy rather gives the game away. But you agree, don't you, that the critics have been crushed.

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As to India, it is enough to point out that Cripps pledge is "unequivocal". Once every single one of you 400 millions (minus State subjects) has unequivocally agreed you will get what Cripps offered—with unequivocal reservations. And, if despite this even men like Zafrullah Khan are dubious about the application of the Atlantic Charter to India then some of the critics are like those Bolshies who having been annihilated by the Germans three times, yet live.

In fact, every one of the critics is like that despite Anglo-Indian efforts.

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Talking of Zafrullah, he is reported to have declared that China regards India as a younger brother.

Zafrullah must simply be stopped from retailing such dangerous things. He ought to realise that it is the blessed destiny of India to go through life under the protecting care of Britain as a ward.

City And Suburbs

TO-DAY

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 11, 1999
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akhar 10, 1362
Parsi: Avan 14, 1312.
Sunrise: 7-22 a.m. Sunset: 7-54 p.m.
Hightide: 9-14, 21-47. Lowtide: 3-27, 15-11
8th annual general meeting of Bombay Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd., 3 p.m. (S.T.).

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF SHIPPING KNOWLEDGE: A new film of the "Dufferin" will be screened at the B.E.S.T. Conference Hall, Electric House, Ormiston Road at 6-15 p.m.

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL: A talk on "My Impressions of the Famine in Bijapur District" by Mr. V. L. Mehta at an 'At Home' at the Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana, 5-15 p.m.

SOUTH INDIAN BHAJAN SAMAJ: Harikatha Kalakshepam on "Kabir Das" by Mr. Vadiraja Bhagwathar of Kumbakonam 9 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study class on "The thinking principle in man" from the Ocean of Theosophy by Mr. W. Q. Judge at Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, 6-15 p.m.

SANSKRIT DRAMAS ON THE SCREEN: Under the auspices of Shri Sanskriti Kendra, (Culture Centre) Bombay, a public meeting will be held at Forbes Gujarati Sabha Hall, (365 Vithalbhai Patel Road) at 6-30 p.m., when Pandit Ramchandra Shastri, Dr. D. G. Vyas, Messrs. R. K. Prabhu, J. H. Dave, Profs. B. B. Vyas and S. D. Gyani and Goswami Brijnathlalji will speak on "Sanskrit Dramas on the Stage and Screen". Mrs. Hansa Mehta will preside.

DR. EDULBEHRAM will deliver a public lecture on "Mazdaznan medical points", at 6-15 p.m. at Mazdaznan Hall, Industrial Assurance Building, opposite Churchgate Station.

GOVT. FOR POONA:+The Government of Bombay will assemble in Poona on Tuesday June 1.

New L.M.Es.

Results of the Final Sessional Examinations 1942-43 Licentiate in Mechanical Engineering (L.M.E.).

First Class (Hons.): Nos. 151 and 850.

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Third Class: Nos. 363 368 379 384 802 and 805.

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Third Class: No. 671.

Licentiate in Technical and Applied Chemistry (L.T.C.) First Class (Hons.): No. 676

Second Class: Nos. 677 678 679 680 681 682 683 684 685 694 and 695.

Third Class: Nos. 686 688 689 690 691 692 and 693.

Licentiate in Sanitary Engineering and Plumbing (L.S.E.).

Second Class: Nos. 776 777 779 and 780.

Third Class: Nos. 781 782 783 784 785 786 and 787.

Corporation Adjourns For Late Begum Azad

The Municipal Corporation adjourned on Thursday without transacting any business as mark of respect to the memory of Begum Azad, who died on the 9th instant, and also of Dr. J. P. Padshah, Dean of K. E. M. Hospital and Seth Gordhandas College, who died on the 10th idem. Dr. J. A. Collaco presided and paid an eloquent tribute to Begum Azad and Dr. Padshah with which several other councillors associated themselves.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at 8 hours on 11-4-43:—

Allahabad 87 67 0; Bombay 88 75 0; Calcutta 90 75 0; Cawnpore 83 63 0; Cuttack 96 70 0; Darjeeling 63 5 0.7; Delhi 89 64 0; Dehra Dun 82 52 0; Jacobabad 97 72 0; Karachi 83 74 0; Lahore 94 66 0; Lucknow 82 62 0; Madras 92 78 0; Nagpur 98 73 0; Patna 93 72 0; Peshawar 84 63 0.1; Shillong 66 55 0.2; Simla 59 47 0.1

Bardoli 'Swaraj Ashram' Property To Be Forfeited

Shooting Powers For East Khandesh Police Officials

THROUGH A. P. & U. P.

SURAT, April 15.

The District Magistrate of Surat has notified that it is proposed to forfeit to His Majesty's Government all the articles found in the Bardoli "Swaraj Ashram", and called upon the public who have any claim to such of the properties to make representation to him against forfeiture.

The articles include iron reservoirs, gardening implements, household effects, office and hospital equipments, charka etc., used in spinning, books, Smith's tools and medicines.

The "Swaraj Ashram', it may be mentioned, was declared unlawful by the Bombay Government on November 6, 1942.

"DESHIMITRA" EX-EDITOR ARRESTED

Mr. Maganlal Vanmali Sorathia, ex-editor, printer and publisher of the "Deshimitra", a daily, and proprietor of the Deshimitra Printing Press, has been arrested under the D.I.R. According to a report received from Nadiad, four persons have been arrested and prosecuted for leading a Prabhat Pheri in Ahmedabad Bazar. Two persons arrested on the first day of the National Week have been sentenced to one year's R.I. each, says a report received from Broach. Three other persons arrested on the same day have been sentenced to six months' R.I each.

SHOOTING POWERS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

JALGAON: The District Superintendent of Police, East Khandesh, has directed that all officers under his control shall use such force as may be necessary "even to the causing of death" against any person who fails to halt when challenged or attempts or is likely to do any act as would endanger or damage auy property which it is the duty of such officer to protect.

The order has been issued under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Extension Ordinance.

MIRAJ JOURNALIST GAILED OUT

MIRAJ: Mr. Krishnaji Chintaman Apte, a journalist of Miraj was arrested yesterday under the D.I.R. and released on bail. His residence was searched on March 26, and a pamphlet called "Jyoti" was seized

Mr. Gajanan Anna Bhusari, has been sentenced at Kolhapur to four months' R.I. and fined Rs. 50 for circulating prejudicial pamphlets.

STUDENTS' HOUSES SEARCHED

HOSPET:—The Hospet police searched the houses of two High School students. Nothing incriminating was found.

JAIL FOR CUTTING COMMUNICATION WIRE

BENARES:—Chunder Tewari, a villager of Chandauli Tahsil, who was found guilty of cutting a communication wire during the disturbances of August last was sentenced to one year's R.I. and a fine of Rs. 100 or in default to undergo further six months' R.I.

REDUCTION IN COLLECTIVE FINE

DHUBRI:—Following representations from a number of residents of Dhubri town, the Government has ordered the stay of collection of 75 per cent of collective fines imposed on the area, and realisation of only one-fourth of the fines. The Deputy Commissioner has accordingly issued notice calling upon all persons assessed to collective fines, to pay one-quarter of the fine within the 15th instant.

BENARES UNIVERSITY GIRL STUDENT ARRESTED

NEW DELHI:—Miss Damayanti, a student of the Benares Hindu University was arrested last evening from Baber Road, New Delhi, under D.I.R.

AHEMADBAD CONVICTIONS

AHMEDABAD:—One person was sentenced on the charge of leading procession to six months' R.I. and fine of Rs. 200 in default three months' further R.I Three persons were sentenced to four months' R.I. and fine of Rs. 100 in default two months' further R.I. each and two other persons to two months' R.I and fine of Rs. 50 in default one month's further R.I. each on the charge of taking part in a procession.

K. NATARAJAN TO PRESIDE

Conference Of City And Provincial Editors On April 24 And 25

BOMBAY, April 15.

The Secretary, All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Bombay Committee, writes:

"Mr. K. Natarajan has consented to preside at the forthcoming session of the Conference of Bombay City and Provincial Editors on April 24 and 25, 1943.

Members who intend to move resolutions at the Conference, are requested to send in their resolutions to the Provincial Office, A.I.N.E.C., care The Free Press Journal, 21, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay by Thursday, April 22, 1943.—United Press.

NANAVUTTY TO ADJUDICATE GODREJ BOYCE DISPUTES

Mr. B. M. Nanavutty, has been appointed by the Bombay Government to adjudicate all the trade disputes, regarding 25 per cent increase in the basic rates of wages, two months' wages as bonus for the year 1942 and leave with pay, between Messrs. Godrej and Boyce Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Bombay and its employees.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Further news indicates that those American advertisements regarding freedom were stopped by urgent telegram to J. Walter Thompson from Mr. Phillips, but it is equally reliably understood that Mr. Phillips was under instructions from Washington, where, according to my calculation, Sir Frederick Puckle had already expressed a feeling that it was embarrassing? This latter is my conjecture. Apropos advertising, it did not cost very much to advertise the Tottenham pamphlet. Only about three thousand rupees. The next instalment is published under the title: Some Facts about the disturbances in India 1942-43. This deals with some specific instances during the disturbances, but the theme of both is much the same. Long queues had better start lining up outside H. M.'s Stationery Office in London. Book your copy now for 'Totty's Thriller.

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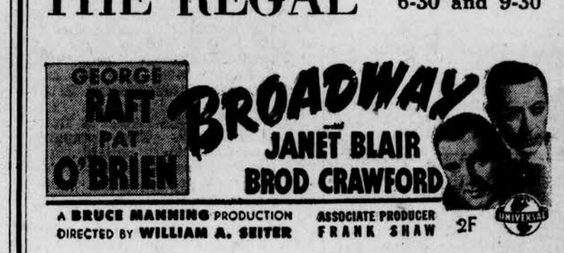

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LEASE OF COTTON GINNING AND PRESSING FACTORIES.

THE COTTON GINNING AND PRESSING FACTORIES at Montgomery, Mandi-Bahauddin, Sargodha and Pattoki (in the Punjab) belonging to Messrs. Japan Cotton Trading Co. Ltd. are to be given on lease for the cotton season 1943-44. For full particulars and lease terms apply within a month to the Custodian of the assets of Messrs. Japan Cotton Trading Co. Ltd., Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Fort, Bombay.

E. RADBONE,
Custodian of Enemy Property.
Bombay 5th April, 1943.
(4088)

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NOTICE OF THE GENERAL MEETING TO PASS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of The Barsi Spinning & Weaving Mills Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 1|2, Mubarak Manzil, (2nd floor) 104, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on 5th May 1943 at 3-00 p.m. (N.S.T.) to transact the following business:—

(a) To approve and sanction the appointment of Desai Arwade, Limited as Managing Agents of the Company and to approve and sanction the Agreement of the said Managing Agency as per Draft Agreement (signed and initialled by the Chairman for verification, and duly approved by the Solicitors of the Company) Copies whereof are circulated to the Shareholders herewith.

(b) And to approve and sanction the amendment in the Articles of Association of the Company necessitated by the proposed Agreement with the New Managing Agents and the interim arrangements made by the Board for the management of the Company's affairs on the resignation of the previous Managing Agents.

(c) And to approve and adopt the arrangements by the Board for management of the Company's affairs on the resignation of the previous Managing Agents. And

(d) In connection with the above to consider and if thought fit to pass the following Resolutions as Special Resolutions namely:—

I. Resolved that Desai Arwade, Limited a Private Limited Company, Bombay, be and is hereby appointed Managing Agents of the Company as and from 27th March, 1943 for the period of ten (10) years on terms and conditions as to remuneration or otherwise of Draft Agreement circulated to the Shareholders with the Notice. The Company hereby approves the said Agreement with all its terms and conditions and sanctions the same and authorizes the Directors to enter into the said Agreement with Desai Arwade Limited with such further modifications to be made therein (save and except the provisions therein relating to remuneration) as may be approved by the Directors and the said Desai Arwade Limited.

II. Resolved that the Company hereby approves and adopts the several amendments in the Articles of Association of the Company as per Draft (signed and initialled by the Chairman), copies whereof are circulated to the Shareholders with the Notice and sanctions them with a view to amend the Articles in consonance with the Agreement of the Managing Agents and with a view to appoint one or more of the Directors as a Managing Director or Managing Directors and to fix his or their remuneration as indicated in the said draft.

III. The Company approves and adopts the arrangements made and required to be made for the management of the Company's affairs on the resignation of the previous Managing Agents and the resolutions of the Board in that behalf made on 16|2|1943 and ratifies, confirms and approves all the acts done by the Managing Directors Messrs. V. Y Desai and J. B. Arwade in the course of their management from 16|2|43 to 27|3|43. The Company sanctions to them in lieu of their said services, the same remuneration for that period as is sanctioned by the Managing Agency Agreement to Desai Arwade Limited of which they are the permanent Directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
(Sd.) P. V. JOSHI,
Chairman.

12th April, 1943.
Mubarak Manzil,
104, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.
Dated 12th April, 1943.

N. B.:—Copies with accompaniments therein of the above have been already circulated on 12th April, 1943, to the Shareholders as usual.

P. V. J.
4150

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CORRECTION

INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT.

In the Notice headed "Income-Tax Department" which appeared in the "Bombay Chronicle of 14th April, the items Nos. 49, 50, 55 to 57, 71 & 72 have appeared through oversight under wrong headings. They should be read as under:—

1 NAME AND DESIGNATION.	2 ADDRESS	3 JURISDICTION
49. C. D. Amin, B.A., Income-tax Officer, Ahmedabad Circle.	Income-tax Office, Ahmedabad.	All assessees who have been or may from time to time be assigned to them by the Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay. Such assessees consist mainly of persons who are liable to Excess Profits Tax.
50. F. H. Vallibhoy, B.Com., Income-tax Officer, Ahmedabad Circle.	—do—	
55. R. N. Adarbad, B.A., G.D.A., Income-tax Officer, Ahmedabad District and the District of Mount Abu.	—do—	The whole of the Ahmedabad District with the exception of Ahmedabad City and the whole of the District of Mount Abu.
56. A. R. Chinderkar, Income-tax Officer, Kaira District.	Income-tax Office, Nadiad.	The whole of the Kaira District.
57. M. I. Patel, B.Com., G.D.A., B.A., Income-tax Officer, Broach and Panchmahals Districts.	Income-tax Office, Broach.	The whole of the Broach and Panchmahals Districts.
71. D. K. Kelkar, Income-tax Officer, Belgaum District and Kanara below Ghat Talukas.	Income-tax Office, Belgaum.	(1) The whole of the Belgaum District. (2) The area of the Kanara District which lies below the Ghats. A list of the Talukas and Petas included in that area will be found on the notice board of the Income-tax Office, Belgaum. (3) Lands within the Miraj (Senior) State occupied by the Madras and Southern Maratha Railway and the Barsi Light Railway.
72. G. V. Nerurkar, B.A., LL.B., Income-tax Officer, Dharwar and Kanara above Ghat Talukas.	Inco[illegible] Dharwar.	The whole of the Dharwar District and the area of the Kanara District which lies above the Ghats. A list of the Talukas and Petas included in that area will be found on the notice board of the Income-tax Office, Dharwar.

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF PETROL DRIVEN MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR BOATS, RESIDENT IN THE BOMBAY REGION.

APPLICATIONS for coupons for the ordinary basic ration for the quarter commencing from 1st May 1943 are to be made in 'H' forms which are obtainable free from the following distribution centres.

1. For centres in Bombay from 19th April to 30th April 1943 (exclusive of Sundays and Public Holidays) between 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. on week days and between 10-30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.
   a. For owners of motor vehicles of over 19 H.P. in the office of the Western India Football Association, Limited, Cooperage Football Ground, Bombay.
   b. For owners of motor vehicles of under 19 H.P., motor cycles and motor boats, in the Shamiana, erected on the open ground in front of the new Taxation Office, Gymnasium Road, off Cruickshank Road, Bombay.
2. In the District of Thana, applications of owners of all private motor vehicles should be submitted at the Travellers' Bungalow, from 19th to 21st April, 1943.
3. In the District of Kolaba, applications of owners of all private motor vehicles should be submitted at the Inspection Bungalow, Mahad, from 26th to 27th April 1943.
4. In the portion of the Ratnagiri District, which lies in the Bombay Region, applications of owners of all private motor vehicles should be submitted at the Rest-House, Khed, from 28th to 30th April 1943.

As regards Municipalities, Ambulances, School Buses, Trade Nos. Government Vehicles, Transport Vehicles, Taxis, and Stage Carriages, applications should be submitted in the office of the Area Rationing Authority, Head Police Office Compound, Bombay, between 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on week days and between 10-30 a.m. and 12-30 noon on Saturdays.

Owners of Transport Vehicles and taxis are informed that they should produce either 'A', 'B' or temporary permit and the Registration Certificates together with the applications in H forms.

As usual, members of the Western India Automobile Association should apply to the Office of that Association.

Applications for supplementary ration may be made in form K obtainable at the office of the Area Rationing Authority, Bombay, from 1st May 1943, between 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on week days and between 10-30 a.m. and 12-30 noon on Saturdays.

In all the cases, the Registration Certificates must be produced together with the applications.

Owners are also informed that they must obtain their basic ration before the 30th April 1943, as failing this they are likely to be put to inconvenience and delay, in receiving such ration later.

E. SHEEHY.
Area Rationing Authority,
Bombay.

Area Rationing Office:
Bombay: 16th April, 1943.
4170.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform the public in general and merchants, with whom we have to deal with, in particular that our Manager Mr. G. R. Goel, has suddenly disappeared since yesterday.

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TRAVELLING WITHOUT PASS OR TICKET

WITH EFFECT from 1st May, 1943, passengers travelling by shuttle trains on the Poona-Lonavla Section must purchase tickets before commencement of the journey. Should a passenger be found travelling without a ticket or pass, he will be charged full fare *and excess charge* in accordance with the rules. No guard's certificates will be issued as at present.

4183.

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER of Stores invites tenders of reconditioning of scrap white metal No. 6. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 30-4-1943 at 3 p.m. (S.T.)

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE

ATTENTION IS DRAWN to the Preliminary Special and Common Jury Lists, published in the Bombay Government Gazette, Part II, pages 357 to 378 dated the 15th April 1943.

Suggestions for alterations or corrections in the said lists should be sent in writing to the Clerk of the Crown or the undersigned on or before the 22nd instant.

J. N. DUGGAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 15th April 1943.

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Legal Notices

SALE NOTICE.

RAVIKANT DEVIDAS SHAH and MONGU CHHOTALAL SHROFF, the Administrators-de-bonis-non of the estate of Harivallabh Bapuji have contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property. Any person making claim of any sort against the said property is requested to notify the same to us within 14 days.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

Fazandari Land with building, situate at Dady Seth Agiary Lane in Bombay, admeasuring 195 square yards, bearing New Survey No. 215 (part) Cadastral Survey No. 1824 of Bhuleshwar Division C Ward No. 3921 and Street No. 59.

This 15th day of April, 1943.

VACHHA & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
Yusuf Building,
Churchgate Street, Bombay.
(4184)

NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase and immediate removal of approximately 250,000 cubic feet of stone from a quarry near Wadala. Stone is suitable for building, roadwork or aggregate for foundation work. Inspection can be arranged by application to the Engineer-in-Charge, Construction, Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co., New Wadala site. Tenders to be submitted in writing not later than Saturday, the 24th April, 1943 to Engineering Department, Burmah-Shell, Ballard Estate. Guarantee as to speed of removal from site will be a deciding factor in placing contracts.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai DHANBAIJI PALLONJI COOPER, HIRJEEBHAI PALLONJI COOPER and KAIKHASROO PALLONJI COOPER, Bombay inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, 94 Medows Street, Fort, within 14 days, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Foras (redeemed) land together with the chawls standing thereon, situate at Grant Road, containing by admeasurement 1895 square yards and bearing Collector's Cadastral Survey No. 950, Girgaum Division, and Municipal D Ward Nos. 2375, 2376, 2377, and 2377 (2) and Street Nos. 213-215, 217-217A, 217B-217C, 217D and 2.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1943.

CHITNIS & KANGA,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
4171

Auction Sales

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B. P. T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Sec. 94 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY 20th April, 1943 at 2-30 p.m. at Alexandra Docks (Sale Warehouse) the following goods; Chemicals: cuttle fish bones: Varnish: packing bands; Paint: hardware: Machinery, etc.

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AUCTION SALE OF modern Dining, Drawing and Bedroom furniture, Crockery, Glassware etc., today FRIDAY the 16th inst. at 2-30 p.m. at 2 Land's End House Harkness Road, Malabar Hill. Property of C. E. Aitken Esq., C. I. E.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. DEVCHAND DHARAMSEY SHETHIA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land of the Pension and Tax tenure (now redeemed) containing by admeasurement 312 7/9 square yards or thereabouts be the same a little more or less registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 307, Collector's New No. 2071, New Survey No. 12/7910 and Cadastral Survey No. 1420 (Girgaum Division) together with the tenements messuages or buildings standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under D Ward No. 344(3) and formerly Street No. 243, and New Street No. 12. All which premises are situate at and on the western side of the Benham Hall Lane in the City and Registration District of Bombay and are bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Benham Hall Lane, on or towards the West by the property formerly of Keroba Vasudeo Naik and now of Mr. Shende, on or towards the North by Krishnabai Buildings, property of Ganpat Sadashiv Rao and on or towards the South by the property formerly of Rakhmabai, widow of Vithaj Kashinath Acharya and now of Sitabai Ramnath Chogle

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